During the period upto the 30th June in the current year, a total of 972 terrorists were killed and 1121 arrested in Punjab. 1863 arms and 39,044 rounds of ammunition were recovered from them during the said period.

In J&K, 296 terrorists were killed and 1667 were arrested upto the 30th June in the current year. 2207 arms have been recovered during the said period.

(c) The Chief Minister, Assam has called upon the ULFA to give up arms and come to the negotiating table and has given some concessions to the ULFA detenus. Steps taken in Kashmir include identification of vulnerable pockets, deployment of security forces in affected pockets, intensifying night patrolling, raids on hide-outs of terrorists, action against middlemen etc. In Punjab, steps to provide increased security to threatened persons, protection to railways banks, buses, newspaper, offices and other vulnerable points have been taken. Special police pickets in sensitive villages have been established strength of para-military forces placed at the disposal of the State have been increased.

Sanctions against South Africa to end apartheid

*88. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to urge the international community not to relax sanctions to hasten the process of dismantling of apartheid by the South African Government;

(b) whether the Government propose to send any goodwill delegation to South Africa in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) A Statement is given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

India is one of the members of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa (CCFMSA) which met in London on February 16, 1991. At this meeting, India took a leading role in urging against any relaxation of sanctions at this juncture. India is also the Chairman of the AFRICA Fund Committee. At the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting of the AFRICA Fund in Kuala Lumpur in May 1991, it was decided that international pressure must continue against the apartheid regime and that additional contributions should be mobilised for the AFRICA Fund.

India has also been in the forefront in other international fora in urging the international community to maintain pressure on the Pretoria Government by way of sanctions and other measures. These measures have yielded positive results as is evident from the reforms initiated by the South African Government since last year. Most recently, in June, this year, the South African Government repealed the Group Areas Act, the Land Acts and the Population Registration Act, thus bringing to an end all apartheid legislation on South African statute books.

Centre-State relations

*89. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to restructure the Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The Centre-State relations are governed by the provisions of the Constitution. The (Sarkaria) Commission on Centre-State Relations which was set up by the Government in June 1983 to study the working of the existing arrangements between the Union and the States was of the view that the working of the Constitution since its inception, demonstrated that its fundamental scheme and provisions have withstood reasonably well the test of time. In the Commission's view "it is neither advisable nor necessary to make any drastic changes in the basic character of the Constitution" It is felt that the Centre-State relations are evolutionary in nature and provisions of the Constitution governing them have to be under constant review The Constitution has been amended a number of times to adjust its working to the changing situations

Over charging of Telephone Bills

*90 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from telephone subscribers including Members of Parliament regarding over charging of telephone bills including charges on telephones that have been completely out of use;

(b) if so, the reasons for such inflated bills, and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It is found that genuine complaints are normally on account of:

(a) clerical errors in the recording and transcription of meter readings and in calculation and preparation of bills;

(b) technical faults in the registration of calls, especially in case of electro-mechnical exchanges and

(c) faulty circuit connections and cross connections.

(c) The remedial measures proposed and already under implementation are phasing out of old telephone exchanges, computerisation of telephone billing, continuous monitoring of exchange equipment and external plant and precautions against unauthorised use

Cotton cultivation

*91 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under cotton cultivation in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Union Government to bring more area under cotton cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The area under cotton in nine major producing states of the country during 1989-90 is given as below:—

('000 hectares)

State	*Area*
Punjab	732.0
Haryana	468.0
Rajasthan	434.2
Gujarat	837.2
Maharashtra	2635.5
Madhya Pradesh	574.1
Andhra Pradesh	657.0
Tamilnadu	267.5
Karnataka	681.7
Others	43.6
Total	7330.8